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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN INVESTMENT IN TRANSKEI

1. WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT IN SOUTH AFRICA, CARYLE MURPHY, HAS INFORMED OUR CONSULATE IN DURBAN THAT POST TODAY RAN HER STORY ON NEGOTIATIONS BY AUSTRIAN TRADE DELEGATE IN JOHANNESBURG, LOTHAR PUXKANDL, WITH TRANSKEI AUTHORITIES OVER PROPOSED PRODUCTION OF BICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES AND OTHER PRODUCTS BY STEYR DAIMLER PUCH.
 2. STORY REPORTEDLY CALLS PUXKANDL'S STATUS "SEMI-OFFICIAL" AND CLAIMS HE USES DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT.
 3. AUSTRIAN EMBASSY TELLS US PUXKANDL IS REPRESENTATIVE OF AUSTRIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WITHOUT ANY GOVERNMENT CONNECTION. CLAIMS NOT TO BE AWARE OF PUXKANDL'S MOVEMENTS NOR PROJECT IN TRANSKEI. EMBASSY SAYS AUSTRIAN TRADE DELEGATES, EXCEPT THOSE IN EASTERN EUROPE, DO NOT CARRY DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS, BUT ADDED IT WAS POSSIBLE PUXKANDL HAD ONE TO FACILITATE TRAVEL TO SUCH PLACES AS MOZAMBIQUE. SAID PUXKANDL NOT ACCREDITED
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TO SOUTH AFRICA AND HIS RESPONSIBILITIES COVER ALL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

4. CONGEN JOHANNESBURG SAYS PUXKANDL ATTENDS OFFICIAL EVENTS AND CEREMONIES THERE ALONG WITH AUSTRALIAN AND RHODESIAN TRADE COMMISSIONERS. AS SENIOR MEMBER, HE PRESIDES AT MEETINGS OF CONSULAR COMMERCIAL OFFICERS.

HE IS SUBJECT TO TRANSFER LIKE OTHER TRADE OFFICIALS.

5. WE THINK IT IS LIKELY THAT OFFICERS OF GERMAN-SA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ALSO VISIT TRANSKEI, BUT GERMAN
EMBASSY HAS NOT REPLIED TO OUR QUERY ON THIS POINT (SEE
ALSO DURBAN'S 68).
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